

Is Violence a Permissible Reason for Divorce According to the Bible?

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In today's society, divorce rates are increasing, and alarmingly, this is also the case within Christian communities. Christianity traditionally upholds lifelong commitment in marriage, advocating for patience, love, and reconciliation even in the face of challenges. However, a plethora of reasons, including infidelity, incompatibility, financial strain, lack of love, and, more critically, domestic violence are often cited for divorce. This article aims to delve deeper into the issue of violence as a reason for divorce, exploring it from a biblical perspective in an attempt to enlighten and awaken Christians who may have been ensnared by the deceptions of the enemy.

The New Age Influence on Christian Values

The infiltration of New Age ideologies and philosophies into the Church has significantly impacted Christian values, leading to an increased acceptance of divorce among believers. These teachings promote concepts such as self-worth and personal rights. Although these concepts are not inherently bad, they have been twisted and manipulated in a way that distorts Christian values. This shift aligns with Alice Bailey's ten-point strategy, attributed to the Illuminati, with the ultimate goal of destroying Judeo-Christian families and ushering in the Antichrist. In this battle, domestic violence is often used as a weapon to justify divorce, thereby preventing parents from transmitting Christian values to future generations. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). We need to be vigilant against such teachings that veer us away from the path of righteousness.

The False Security of Marriage Contracts

In recent years, marriage contracts have been popularized by New Age teachings. These contracts demonstrate a shift in mindset where people enter marriage with a preconceived notion of divorce. They detail how possessions will be divided post-divorce, essentially planting the seed of separation before the union is even formed. Many individuals compare a family to a company structured around shares, and sometimes, they enter into marriage without the foundation of love. This notion aligns with the enemy's goal to destroy the sanctity of marriage and, by extension, the Christian family unit. "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate" (Mark 10:9). The prevalence of divorce among prominent figures, often spotlighted in the media, serves to normalize divorce. This normalization can inadvertently influence individuals to perceive divorce as a common occurrence, rationalizing it with statements like, 'If even Bill Gates can divorce, then so can I. However, one must reflect: which path are you truly on? As Christians, we should hold onto God's original plan for marriage as a lifelong commitment, not a contract that can be broken at will.

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Marriage

The Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in guiding Christian marriages. It is through the Holy Spirit that believers can exhibit the fruits of the Spirit such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). However, many Christians have shifted their focus from the guiding light of the Holy Spirit to the enemy's rational science. This shift often leads to lack of the above fruits of the Spirit, resulting in increased divorce rates. By refocusing on the Holy Spirit's guidance, Christians can restore their marriages and resist the enemy's deceptions.

The Response to Domestic Violence

The issue of domestic violence in a Christian marriage is a complex one. The Bible does not directly address physical abuse as a reason for divorce, though it's clear what God expects a marriage to look like (Ephesians 5:22–33). Abuse is contrary to everything godly and should not be tolerated. A spouse who is being abused should first and foremost seek help from God, exercise patience, and find a safe place in case of physical violence. The Bible counsels us on conflict resolution and mediation in Matthew 18:15-17.

The only legitimate reason for divorce given by Christ is sexual immorality, but even then, He emphasized patience and reconciliation. "But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of

sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery"

(Matthew 5:32). Therefore, in the Christian mind, divorce should never be an option.

Conclusion

As Christians, it's imperative to remain vigilant and discerning amidst the flood of New Age philosophies that threaten to erode our godly values. While violence is a grave concern in any relationship, it's crucial to approach such issues with wisdom, guided by the Holy Spirit and biblical teachings. The enemy prowls around looking for whom to devour, but we have the victory in Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. Let's stay steadfast in our faith, enduring the narrow path and the cross that comes with it, knowing that our Lord is near and His eternal joy awaits us. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). As we navigate through life's challenges, let us not forget that the way to heaven is narrow, and few go through it, while the way to hell is wide and many go through it. Anything promising an easy life in this world is not for a Christian but for those heading to destruction. Let us uphold the Christian values of love, patience, and reconciliation, and resist the deceptions of the enemy.

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